STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ) (Caption of Case)  Request for Approval of Resale Agreement between Frontier Communications f/k/a Verizon South, Inc. and Ernest Communications, Inc. )		BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA COVER SHEET DOCKET	
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<ul> <li>✓ Emergency Relief demanded</li> <li>✓ Other: Amendment for in</li> <li>INDUSTRY (Check one)</li> </ul>	formation and/or approval	RE OF ACTION (Check all th	at apply)
Electric	Affidavit	Letter	Request
☐ Electric/Gas	Agreement	Memorandum	Request for Certification
Electric/Telecommunications	Answer	Motion	Request for Investigation
Electric/Water	Appellate Review	Objection	Resale Agreement
Electric/Water/Telecom.	Application	Petition	Resale Amendment
Electric/Water/Sewer	Brief	Petition for Reconsideration	Reservation Letter
Gas	Certificate	Petition for Rulemaking	Response
Railroad	Comments	Petition for Rule to Show Cause	Response to Discovery
Sewer	Complaint	Petition to Intervene	Return to Petition
Telecommunications	Consent Order	Petition to Intervene Out of Time	Stipulation
Transportation	Discovery	Prefiled Testimony	Subpoena
Water	Exhibit	Promotion	Tariff
Water/Sewer	Expedited Consideration	Proposed Order	Other:
Administrative Matter	Interconnection Agreement	Protest	
Other:	Interconnection Amendment	Publisher's Affidavit	
	Late-Filed Exhibit	Report	
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June 13, 2012

## **VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Ms. Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk and Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: DN 2003-241-C – Request for Approval of Resale Agreement between Frontier Communications f/k/a Verizon South, Inc. and Ernest Communications, Inc.

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed is an amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between the above referenced companies, which is being filed with your office for information and/or approval. If you have any questions concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 250-9411.

Sincerely,

Afton Ellison

**Enclosure** 

cc: James M. McDaniel, Program Manager of Telecommunications – Office of Regulatory Staff



May 9, 2012

Sent Via First Class Mail

Ernest Communications Inc. Paul Masters 5275 Triangle Parkway Suite 150 Norcross, GA 30092

Re: Request for Amendment to Interconnection Agreements with Frontier Communications Corporation, including its subsidiaries and affiliates in the states of AL, AZ, CA, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, MI, MN, MS, NC, NE, NV, NY, NM, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, UT, WA, WI, WV for all non-CMRS traffic.

## Dear Carrier:

On November 18, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") released an order that makes sweeping changes to the laws governing universal service and intercarrier compensation on December 23, 2011, the FCC released the USF/ICC Transformation Order on Reconsideration (USF/ICC Transformation Order FCC 11-161), in which it determined that the default intercarrier compensation methodology for all non-access telecommunications traffic exchanged between carriers and competitive Local Exchange Carriers will transition to bill and keep over the next six years beginning July 1, 2012 and the FCC urged all parties with interconnection agreements to immediately begin preparations for the July 1 effective date, including commencing discussions regarding change of law provisions, if applicable.

To this end, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the interconnection, traffic exchange, transport and termination agreements with Frontier Communications Corporation, including its subsidiaries and affiliates ("Frontier"), in the above captioned states, the ICC Transformation Orders, FCC rules, and all the applicable provisions of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, Frontier hereby requests your agreement by signature in the space provided below incorporating paragraph one, as the next amendment in sequence to your underlying interconnection agreement, reflecting implementation of the FCC's Intercarrier Compensation Reform Timeline, with an effective date of July 1, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows

1. <u>Reciprocal Compensation</u>. Reciprocal compensation rates in this Agreement will be phased down as provided in the *USF/ICC Transformation Order FCC 11-161* (rel. November 18, 2011) as such order may be revised, reconsidered, modified or

changed in the future. When any such revisions, reconsiderations, modifications or changes are effective, such action shall be automatically incorporated into the Agreement. For clarity, Reciprocal compensation rates are capped effective immediately and subject to reductions pursuant to the FCC's Reform Timeline as outlined in paragraph 801 of FCC 11-161, or as such Reform Timeline may be revised, reconsidered, modified or changed in the future.

Please return this letter to the following address below within 14 business days of receipt to ensure a timely filing by Frontier on or before the effective date.

Frontier Communications
Attn: Director, Business Operations – Carrier Services
FCC ICC Amendment
180 S. Clinton Avenue
Rochester, NY 14646

Or email signature page via pdf to (all states except NV):

Roderick.cameron@ftr.com

Subject line - CLEC FCC ICC Amendment - Executed by "insert Company name"

Sincerely,

Stephen LeVan

SVP, Carrier Sales and Services

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Carrier's signature below is confirmation and agreement to the terms above as of the Amendment Effective Date.

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Printed: Paul Masters

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ 5-21-12\_